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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF GDR PASSPORTS

1. NOW THAT THE GDR HAS, WITH OUR SUPPORT, ENTERED THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT GDR PASSPORTS AS VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND TO DISCONTINUE PRACTICE OF PLACING NIV'S ON FS-540. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS FROM ADDRESSEES ON FOLLOWING TEXT OF PROPOSED CIRCULAR INSTRUCTIONS TO BE SENT TO ALL CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC POSTS IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. SUBJECT: VISAS FOR BEARERS OF PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

EFFECTIVE WITH RECEIPT OF THIS INSTRUCTION, ALL VISA ISSUING POSTS MAY BEGIN TO PLACE NONIMMIGRANT VISAS IN
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VALID GDR PASSPORTS. POSTS NEED NO LONGER USE FORMS

FS-540 WHEN ISSUING NONIMMIGRANT VISAS TO BEARERS OF GDR
PASSPORTS. NOTE 1 TO APPA 22 CFR 41.112 IS HEREBY
CANCELLED.

THE FOLLOWING VISA SCHEDULE, WHICH IS BASED ON THE
TREATMENT ACCORDED UNITED STATES TRAVELERS TO THE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, WILL BE APPLICABLE:

SYMBOL	FEE	APPLICATIONS	VALIDITY
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B-1	\$8.50	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-2	8.50	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1	2.00	ONE	1 MONTH
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
F	8.50	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
H-1	8.50	ONE	3 MONTHS
I	8.50	ONE	3 MONTHS
K	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS

NO SYMBOL A VISAS ARE TO BE ISSUED TO REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. OFFICIALS OF THE GDR
POSSESSING DIPLOMATIC, SPECIAL, OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS
WHO WOULD UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES BE ISSUED SYMBOL A
VISAS WILL RECEIVE OFFICIAL B-1 VISAS ONLY AFTER THEIR
CASES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY TELEGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT
(INFO BERLIN). NORMALLY, HOWEVER, SUCH APPLICATIONS
WILL BE MADE IN BERLIN.

HOLDERS OF GDR PASSPORTS WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE
PROVISIONS OF APPA 22 CFR 41.122, WHICH RELATE TO THE
RESTRICTION OF NATIONALS OF CERTAIN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
TO DESIGNATED PORTS OF ENTRY.

THE ABOVE CHANGES DO NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT THE REQUIREMENT
THAT POSTS REQUEST SECURITY ADVISORY OPINIONS BEFORE
ISSUING VISAS TO HOLDERS OF GDR PASSPORTS (APPENDIX A,
22 CFR 41.90). END TEXT. KISSINGER

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